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## OPGS News

**OPGS Seeks 2009-2010 Strengthening Partners Initiative Participants.** *OPGS* is seeking up to 30 nonprofit and/or faith-based organizations to participate in its year-long capacity building program, the Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI). This 12-month intensive training program will help you and your organization acquire skills and resources to respond to complex obstacles and opportunities encountered by nonprofit organizations. Topics and activities addressed in the program include: implementing successful fundraising plans; improving administrative and program operations; and collaborating with like-minded nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is August 28, 2009. To learn more and to download the application visit our website, [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov) and click on the link to *Strengthening Partners Initiative*.

**Summer GIRC Hours.** *The Grant Information Resource Center (GIRC)* provides technical assistance and information about resources that improve community services in the District of Columbia for its “customers” - District government, nonprofit, and faith-based representatives. The primary focus is to assist customers who either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to strengthen their organizations. The GIRC will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m., by appointment only. Thursdays are reserved for previous GIRC users. To make an appointment call 202-727-8900.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) News

### Recovery Act Reporting Information

The full set of recipient reporting tools for ARRA funds – XML Schema, XLS –are now available on Recovery.gov. Go to <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/recipient-reporting> to connect to those tools.

### Recovery Act and Grants.gov

A new feature was unveiled on Grants.gov to help users find and apply for ARRA grant opportunities. The launch of the ARRA or Recovery Act feature on the homepage of Grants.gov will direct users to Recovery Act opportunities, other Recovery Act resources, upcoming Webinars and links to [www.whitehouse.gov/recovery](http://www.whitehouse.gov/recovery) and [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

### Recovery Act Webinars

Grants.gov is offering webinars on Recovery Act funds in August. Registration will open on August 10, 2009. Go to [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery\\_webinar.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery_webinar.jsp) to learn more and to register.

## Federal Opportunities

Please note – if the link for a Federal Grant opportunity does not work, go to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and enter the CFDA # (found in our Grants Database <http://app.opgs.dc.gov/grantautomation/grantfinder.asp> by inputting the “Grant ID” number provided below).

**Professional Development Grants for Archives and Historical Publishing.** *National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)* announces funds to improve the training and education of professionals in the archival and historical publishing communities. Projects can be for professional education curriculum development; for basic and advanced institutes; or research seminars. Surveys, focus groups, and other activities to understand these professions and their educational and training needs are also eligible.

**Eligibility:** Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and DC government agencies.

**Deadline:** October 6, 2009.

**Funds:** 4 awards ranging from \$150,000-\$300,000 are available. A match is required.

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**Information:** Lucy Barber at (202) 357-5306 or [lucy.barber@nara.gov](mailto:lucy.barber@nara.gov); or go to:  
<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/development.html>.

**GrantID:** GD3526

**Scholarly Editions and Translations.** *National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)* announces funds to support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. Projects must be undertaken by a team of at least one editor or translator and one other staff member. Grants typically support editions and translations of significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, are also eligible.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** October 29, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$50,000-\$100,000.

**Information:** NEH's Division of Research Programs at (202) 606-8200 or [editions@neh.gov](mailto:editions@neh.gov); or go to:  
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/editions.html>.

**GrantID:** GD3529

**Strategies and Tools for Archives and Historical Publishing Projects.** *National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)* announces funds to support proposals to develop new strategies and tools that can improve the preservation, public discovery, or use of historical records. Projects may also focus on techniques and tools that will improve the professional performance and effectiveness of those who work with such records, such as archivists, documentary editors, and records managers.

**Eligibility:** Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and DC government agencies.

**Deadline:** October 6, 2009.

**Funds:** \$350,000 is available to fund 1-3 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$150,000. A match is required.

**Information:** Lucy Barber at (202) 357-5306 or [lucy.barber@nara.gov](mailto:lucy.barber@nara.gov); or go to:  
<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/strategies.html>.

**GrantID:** GD3527

**The Arts on Radio and Television.** *National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)* announces funds to support the development, production, and national distribution of radio and television programs on the arts.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and DC government agencies.

**Deadline:** September 3, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$10,000-\$100,000. A match is required.

**Information:** Media Arts staff at (202) 682-5738 or [welshl@arts.gov](mailto:welshl@arts.gov); or go to:  
<http://arts.endow.gov/grants/apply/RadioTV/index.html>.

**GrantID:** GD3530

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Department of Human Services	Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Community Access	August 28, 2009
District Department of the Environment	District Department of the Environment Notice of Funding Availability	September 4, 2009

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Department of Human Services	Refugee Resettlement Grant	September 4, 2009
Serve DC	2009 Make A Difference Day Grant	September 8, 2009
DC Commission on Arts and Humanities (DCARTS)	All DCARTS Grant Opportunities – visit <a href="http://dcarts.dc.gov">http://dcarts.dc.gov</a> to learn more	Dates vary.

## Foundations

**Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants.** *Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation* announces funds to support projects that increase parent involvement; build stronger community spirit; and/or create a new school tradition. Funds help support whatever goals and dreams an organization has for its school.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and DC government agencies.

**Deadline:** October 16, 2009.

**Funds:** \$5,000,000 is available to fund 1000 awards, ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000.

**Information:** Information Center at [info@toolboxforeducation.com](mailto:info@toolboxforeducation.com); or go to:

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html>.

**GrantID:** GD3523

**Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program.** *Nickelodeon* announces funds to provide resources to schools and community-based organizations to support environmentally friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) be active and live healthily; and/or (3) engage in community service.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and DC government agencies.

**Deadline:** December 31, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000. A match is required.

**Information:** Nickelodeon Public Affairs at (212) 846-4333 or [publicaffairs@nick.com](mailto:publicaffairs@nick.com); or go to:

<http://www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm>.

**GrantID:** GD3522

## Announcements and Resources

**Seminar: How Will the New IRS Form 990 Impact Your Organization?** *Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, CPAs*, a firm that provides accounting, auditing and consulting services to nonprofit organizations, announces an upcoming seminar titled "How Will the New IRS Form 990 Impact Your Organization?" The speakers, two Nonprofit Tax Specialists from Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, will explain exactly how the new Form 990 has changed and provide practical tips on completing the new Form 990 and interpreting the many new instructions. The seminar is open to nonprofits with revenues of \$1 million+, for-profit corporations including government contractors, research and development firms, retail businesses, professional service firms, partnerships, trusts and individual clients. It will be held on Thursday September 24, 2009 at Marriott Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, Maryland 20814. For online registration go to: <http://www.grfcpa.com> or email [MARKETING@GRFCPA.COM](mailto:MARKETING@GRFCPA.COM), or call (301) 663-8578. Advance registration is required.

**990 Online Resource.** In collaboration with the *National Association of Attorney's General/National Association of State Charity Officials (NAAG/NASCO)* and *GuideStar*, the *National Center for Charitable Statistics NCCS* has developed an online system, the *990 Online*, for charities to complete all their federal Form 990 and state registration filing requirements and file these forms electronically. E-Filing of IRS Form 990s and state charity forms benefits nonprofit organizations, regulators, researchers, and donors alike. This online service offers an easy-to-use web-based system for completing IRS Form 990s, 990s-EZ or 8868 (application for extension). The system is free for organizations with less than \$100,000 in gross receipts and there is a sliding scale for larger

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organizations. To complete and electronically file your Form 990, 990-EZ, 8868 (extension request) and State Charity Registration Forms go to: <http://efile.form990.org>.

**Awards for Local Arts and Education Programs.** *Barnes & Noble Booksellers* offers ongoing fundraising opportunities for local level pre-K-12 schools, not-for-profit arts and literacy organizations. Opportunities include in-store bookfairs and holiday gift-wrapping. They offer a limited number of sponsorships and donations to organizations that meet their mission of seeking partnerships that offer in-store events, visibility, and reach a wide audience. Opportunities must be located in the community or communities in which Barnes & Noble operates, and it must serve the greater good of the local community or region. For more information go to: [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/sponsorship\\_local/donations\\_local.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorship_local/donations_local.html).

## Previous Announcements and Resources

**Breakthroughs in Shared Measurement and Social Impact.** *William and Flora Hewlett Foundation* released an online report based on interviews conducted with dozens of practitioners and thought leaders in the social sector. The report describes twenty different shared measurement systems already in use and documents their contribution to increasing grantees' efficiency, knowledge, and impact. The findings identify shared approaches to performance, outcome, or impact measurement across multiple organizations. The report includes four in-depth case studies where collaborative learning and measurement systems are used to create systemic and adaptive approaches to solving social problems. To access the online report go to: [http://www.fsg-impact.org/ideas/item/breakthroughs\\_in\\_measurement.html](http://www.fsg-impact.org/ideas/item/breakthroughs_in_measurement.html).

**Celebrating Solutions Awards.** *Mary Byron Project*, a national organization working to address the root causes of domestic violence and help build safer, healthier communities announces awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. The program provides cash awards of \$10,000 to each organization. The awards would be presented to programs that can serve as models for the nation in their efforts to reduce violence. Eligible applicants are non-profits organizations and government agencies. Application deadline is November 17, 2009. For guidelines and nomination forms go to: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>.

**Color Your Community Contest.** *Sherwin-Williams Company* is holding an essay contest for "Color Your Community." Individuals should submit a short essay that discusses a public space, such as a playground or non-profit community center, and why you feel such space requires and/or is deserving of a renovation. Winning entry could get a prize worth \$5,000 in paint, supplies and cash from Sherwin-Williams and iVillage to help refresh your community. The deadline for submitting the short essay is August 25, 2009. For more information go to: <http://www.ivillage.com/0,,fn7cp620,00.html>.

**Competition: Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing.** *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)* announces an online, open source competition co-sponsored by RWJF's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio and Changemakers, that challenges organizations to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand our understanding and collective involvement in finding solutions. The deadline for applications is October 14, 2009. For more information and to download the application go to <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20881>.

**Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders.** *The Louisville Institute*, a center to support research and leadership education on American religion, announces funds to award up to forty grants for eight-week (\$10,000) and twelve-week (\$15,000) sabbaticals. Eligible applicants include but are not limited to Christian clergy, church staff members, denominational staff, and others employed in recognized positions of pastoral leadership, ordained and lay. The application deadline is September 1, 2009. For more information go to <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgpldetail.aspx>.

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**Succeed Newsletter Summer 2009.** *Grants.gov* is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs, which provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. The website released “Succeed Newsletter Summer 2009” which provides information about Grant.gov website quarterly and is also a guide to the latest updates, handy tips and useful articles on how to best use Grants.gov. To view the “Success” newsletter go to: <http://www.grants.gov/assets/grantsummernewsletter09.pdf>.

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